

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 48-90, 93-101, 103-107, 122-129, 131-133, and 135-140 are pending in the application, with claims 48, 90, and 135 being independent claims. Claims 1-47, 91, 92, 102, 108-121, 130, and 134 were previously cancelled. Claim 135 is sought to be amended to more clearly point out the subject matter recited therein. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter. Prompt entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Examiner Interview

On August 31, 2006, Examiner Dixon and Applicant's representative Young A. Tang, Reg. No. 55,665, conducted a telephone interview. Applicants' representatives thank the Examiner for the courteous and productive interview. In the interview, an agreement was reached on the amendment of claim 135 that would make it allowable.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 48-90, 93-101, 103-107, 122-129, and 131-133 are allowed, as indicated by item 5 of the Office Action Summary.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 135-140 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 135 has been amended to address the Examiner's concern. Claims 136-140 were rejected because of their dependency on claim 135. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 135-140.

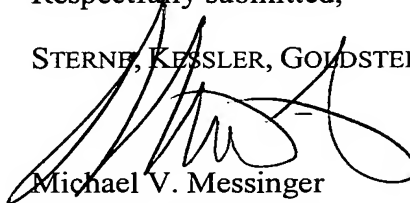
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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